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**Amendment**

Serial No. 09/669,138

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

Applicant : Pollock et al.  
Serial No. : 09/669,138  
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Title : Inlet Baffle for Water Heater  
Docket : 006593-1868  
Examiner : Lu, Jiping  
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office action dated May 21, 2002. Reconsideration and review is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks presented below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Attached herewith is a marked-up copy of the claims as amended as well as a complete set of "clean" claims as amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). Please amend claims 1 and 9 and cancel claims 4, 8 and 10-16 as indicated.

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